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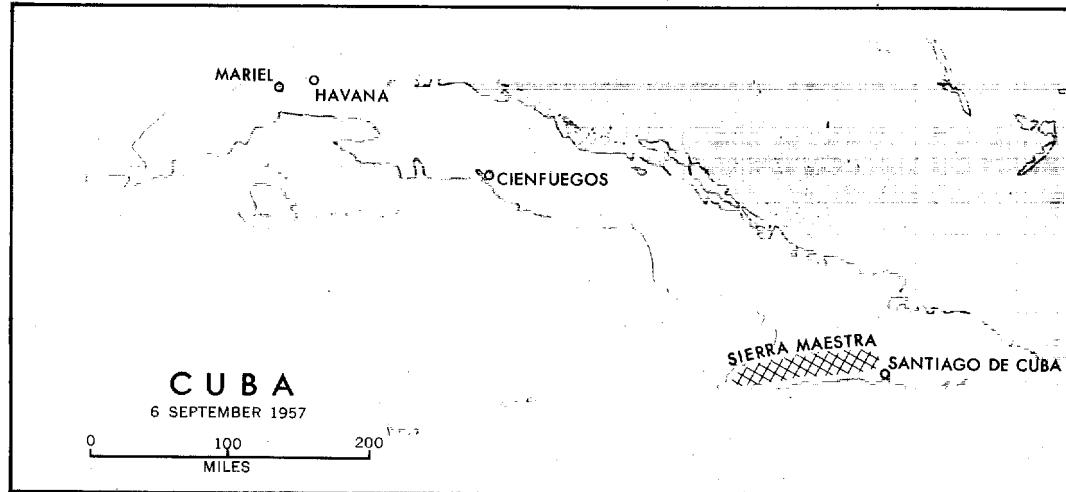
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1. OPPOSITION TO BATISTA BREAKS OUT IN CUBAN ARMED FORCES

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Revolt against the Batista government spread into the armed forces early on 5 September when the naval garrison at the south coast port of Cienfuegos attacked police and army posts. The attackers were said to be distributing arms to the many Fidel Castro sympathizers in the city. Government troops were reported to be moving on Cienfuegos and other possible centers of revolt, and the navy in Havana was put on alert status. Fidel Castro's headquarters in the Sierra Maestra is at the eastern end of the island.

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Disaffection is evidently spreading within the armed forces. According to embassy information, many officers are convinced Batista cannot last much longer and are anxious to get on the revolutionary bandwagon. However, Batista has been able to put down many recent attempts to oust him because the plotters have been handicapped by lack of organization, cooperation, and security. [redacted]

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2. VIOLENCE BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS FEARED

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The discovery by police of unexploded bombs and bags of gunpowder following an explosion in the home of a Turkish Cypriot on 31 August is causing fear of new violence on Cyprus, according to the American consul in Nicosia. The explosion resulted in the death of one Turkish Cypriot and injury to three others. According to security forces, those involved are leading members of a new Turkish organization, the "Ninth September Front." The explosives found on 31 August were reportedly intended for use against Greek Cypriots on 9 September, a Turkish Cypriot holiday.

British authorities on Cyprus believe extremists among the Turkish Cypriots are willing to force a breach between the Turkish and Greek communities on Cyprus in an effort to justify the Turkish demand for partition of the island. In preparation for possible violence on 9 September, the British have rearmed the police and doubled the number on duty.

Comment

This report indicates that the Turkish minority on Cyprus, 18 percent of the total population, may be planning to assume a far more active and violent role in Cypriot affairs than in the past in an attempt to influence the disposition of the Cyprus problem. British security forces are probably capable of coping with any large-scale program of violence but will be unable to prevent isolated acts of terrorism.

Greek officials have charged that a Turkish terrorist organization is being created on Cyprus and that arms and military personnel are being dispatched from Turkey. The British have recently warned Turkish Cypriot leaders against adopting the tactics of EOKA, the Greek Cypriot underground organization.

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**3. BOURGES-MAUNOURY GOVERNMENT FACES
INCREASED OPPOSITION**

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Widespread popular opposition to French Premier Bourges-Maunoury's anti-inflation program, coupled with deep-seated conservative resistance to the

proposed basic statute for Algeria, suggests that his cabinet may not long survive the return of the National Assembly from its summer recess. He has called a special session of the National Assembly for later this month, seeking quick approval for his proposed Algerian statute before any debate of the issue in the UN General Assembly. The National Assembly had not been scheduled to return until 1 October.

Farmers demonstrated against the new price ceilings on 1 September, and strikes planned by bakers and farmers for 15 September may force the government to take strong measures to maintain order. In the meantime, the Communists are championing labor's demands for wage increases, and there are indications that free labor unions feel they will have to go along to hold their following. Finance Minister Gaillard's earlier insistence on budget cuts makes it appear unlikely that he will compromise on wages and prices. Right-wing parliamentary groups, disliking the proposed Algerian statute, may use the broader economic issues as a means of scuttling the government.

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4. SOVIET LECTURER CLAIMS AGREEMENTS REACHED AT TITO-KHRUSHCHEV MEETING

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In a public lecture at Gorki on 2 September, the Soviet speaker described the recent meeting of Tito and Khrushchev in Rumania as of great significance.

He claimed that Yugoslav leaders had made five major declarations in a "still unpublished" document. According to the speaker, the Yugoslavs "fully withdrew" from their position on events in Hungary, stated that Yugoslav experience in building socialism had no greater value than Soviet, Chinese or other socialist experience, and agreed that closer contacts between Communist parties and an organized center for such contacts were necessary. They also accepted the Warsaw pact under present circumstances and stated their intention to recognize East Germany "in the near future."

The embassy believes that the Tito-Khrushchev meeting may have resulted in unpublished statements of positions on these issues, but assumes that the speaker's statements are a Soviet interpretation.

Comment

The failure of the two participants to issue a formal communiqué at the conclusion of the meeting suggests that their basic differences were not resolved. There have been no recent signs that Yugoslavia is about to recognize the East German government, an action which would jeopardize Yugoslavia's favorable trading arrangements with West Germany.

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Watch Report 370, 5 September 1957
of the
Intelligence Advisory Committee

Conclusions on Indications of Hostilities

On the basis of findings by its Watch Committee, the Intelligence Advisory Committee concludes that:

- A. No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends to initiate hostilities against the continental US or its possessions in the immediate future.
- B. No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends to initiate hostilities against US forces abroad, US allies, or areas peripheral to the orbit in the immediate future.
- C. Although the deliberate initiation of hostilities in the Middle East in the immediate future is unlikely, tensions stemming from recent developments in Syria and unstable conditions in the area continue to create possibilities for conflict.

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